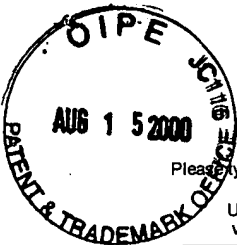


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James A. Westhoff

Application No.: 09/395,106

Filed: September 14, 1999

For: MANHOLE STEP INSERT FOR
PREVENTING SEEPAGE DURING
MANUFACTURE OF A OF A CAST MEMBER
AND TO PROVIDE A STEP INSERT HAVING
INCREASED STRUCTURAL AND HOLDING
STRENGTH

Group: Not Yet Known

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Supplemental to the filing of the above-identified application and prior to
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IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly add the following new claims:

--41. An insert which is embedded in a cast member for force-fittingly receiving a
leg portion of a step, said insert being comprised of:

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